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COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ZOILA SIERRA, an individual,

Plaintiff,

vs.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION, a
Washington Corporation; EDDIE, an
individual; and DOES 1-25, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.

[Alameda County Superior Court Case No.
RG21106297]

**DEFENDANT COSTCO WHOLESALE
CORPORATION'S REQUEST FOR
JUDICIAL NOTICE [FRE 201]**

Action Filed: July 23, 2021
Trial Date: N/A

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in support of its Notice of Removal, pursuant to the
Federal Rules of Evidence rule 201, Defendant COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION
("Costco") requests this Court take judicial notice of the following:

1. A true and correct copy of Plaintiff ZOILA SIERRA's ("Plaintiff") Summons and
Complaint filed on July 23, 2021, in the Alameda County Superior Court, Case No. RG21106297,
and served on Costco on February 3, 2022, is attached to this Request for Judicial Notice as

Exhibit A.

2. Plaintiff is a resident of Alameda County, California, as alleged in the operative
Complaint.

3. A true and correct copy of Plaintiff's Statement of Damages served by Plaintiff on
February 3, 2022 is attached to this Request for Judicial Notice as **Exhibit B.**

4. A true and correct copy of Costco's Answer contemporaneously filed in Case No. RG21106297 of the Alameda County Superior Court is attached to this Request for Judicial Notice as **Exhibit C**.

5. Costco is a corporation formed and organized under the laws of the State of Washington, as evidenced by the Amended Statement of Designation by a Foreign Corporation, a true and correct copy of which is attached to this Request for Judicial Notice as **Exhibit D**, and which is found on the California Secretary of State Website.

6. Costco Wholesale Corporation's principal place of business is located at 999 Lake Drive, Issaquah, Washington 98027, as evidenced by the Statement of Information filed by Costco on June 27, 2019 with the California Secretary of State, a copy of which is attached to this Request for Judicial Notice as **Exhibit E**, and which is found on the California Secretary of State Website.

A. LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR TAKING JUDICIAL NOTICE OF THIS MATERIAL

This Court may take judicial notice at any stage of the proceeding. Fed R. Evid. 201(d). Paragraph (b)(2) of Rule 201 states in part that "[t]he court may judicially notice a fact that is not subject to reasonable dispute because it: ... can be accurately and readily determined from sources whose accuracy cannot reasonably be questioned." Exhibits A, B, C, D, and E are public records maintained by the State of California and readily accessible through the California Secretary of state website, and the Alameda County Superior Court Online Docket. The aforementioned facts are maintained by reliable sources and cannot reasonably be questioned.

In light of the foregoing, Costco requests this Court take judicial notice of the following facts: (1) Plaintiff filed a Complaint with the San Mateo County Superior Court against Costco March 22, 2021 alleging causes of action for negligence and premises liability; (2) Plaintiff is a resident of the State of California; (3) Plaintiff served Costco with the Complaint and Statement of Damages on February 3, 2022; (4) Costco contemporaneously filed an Answer to Plaintiffs' Complaint in Case No. RG21106297 of the Alameda County Superior Court, with this Notice of Removal and supporting documents, generally denying Plaintiffs' claims and asserting various

1 affirmative defenses; (5) Costco is a corporation duly incorporated in the State of Washington; and
2 (6) Costco's principal place of business is located in the State of Washington.

3 **B. CONCLUSION**

4 For all of the aforementioned reasons, Defendant Costco respectfully requests that this
5 Court take judicial notice of the records and facts set forth above.

6 DATED: March 7, 2022

SEVERSON & WERSON
A Professional Corporation

8 By:



9 SHARON C. COLLIER

10 Attorneys for Defendant COSTCO WHOLESALE
11 CORPORATION

EXHIBIT A

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**Service of Process
Transmittal**

02/03/2022

CT Log Number 540997524

TO: Laura Aznavoorian, Litigation Supervisor
Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc.
1901 S. Meyers Rd, Suite 200C
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

RE: Process Served in California

FOR: Costco Wholesale Corporation (Domestic State: WA)

ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF LEGAL PROCESS RECEIVED BY THE STATUTORY AGENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE OF ACTION: Re: ZOILA SIERRA, an individual // To: Costco Wholesale Corporation

DOCUMENT(S) SERVED: --

COURT/AGENCY: None Specified
Case # RG21106297

NATURE OF ACTION: Personal Injury - Failure to Maintain Premises in a Safe Condition

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED: C T Corporation System, GLENDALE, CA

DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE: By Process Server on 02/03/2022 at 01:57

JURISDICTION SERVED : California

APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE: None Specified

ATTORNEY(S) / SENDER(S): None Specified

ACTION ITEMS: CT has retained the current log, Retain Date: 02/03/2022, Expected Purge Date: 02/18/2022

Image SOP

Email Notification, Laura Aznavoorian laura_aznavoorian@gbtpa.com

Email Notification, Zois Johnston zjohnston@costco.com

Email Notification, Maureen Papier maureen_papier@gbtpa.com

REGISTERED AGENT ADDRESS: Amanda Garcia
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STE 700
GLENDALE, CA 91203
866-665-5799
SouthTeam2@wolterskluwer.com

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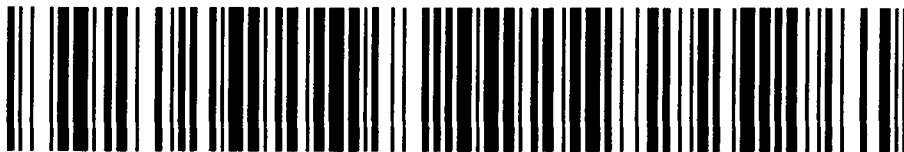


PROCESS SERVER DELIVERY DETAILS

Date: Thu, Feb 3, 2022

Server Name: Ramiro Saucedo

Entity Served	COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION
Case Number	RG21106297
Jurisdiction	CA



SUM-100

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION, a
(AVISO AL DEMANDADO):** Washington Corporation; EDDIE, an individual; and
DOES 1-25, inclusive.

**YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: ZOILA SIERRA, an individual.
(LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):**

FOR COURT USE ONLY
(SOLO PARA USO DE LA CORTE)

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ALAMEDA COUNTY

JUL 28 2021

CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

By AMRIT KHAN

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. **AVISO:** Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desecher el caso.

The name and address of the court is:
(El nombre y dirección de la corte es):
Superior Court of California, County of Alameda
1225 Fallon Street

Oakland, California 94612

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: Zavosh Rashidi, Esq.
(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

DOWNTOWN LA LAW GROUP

601 N. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004

DATE: JUL 28 2021

(Fecha)

Clerk, by

(Secretario)

Chad Finke

(213) 389-3765

Deputy

(Adjunto)

(For proof of service of this summons, use Proof of Service of Summons (form POS-010).)

(Para prueba de entrega de esta citación use el formulario Proof of Service of Summons, (POS-010)).

(SEAL)

NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served

1. ☐ as an individual defendant.
2. ☐ as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify):

3. ☒ on behalf of (specify):

under: ☒ CCP 416.10 (corporation) ☐ CCP 416.60 (minor)
☐ CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation) ☐ CCP 416.70 (conservatee)
☐ CCP 416.40 (association or partnership) ☐ CCP 416.90 (authorized person),
☐ other (specify):

4. ☐ by personal delivery on (date):

1 **Zavosh Rashidi, Esq. - State Bar No. 328399**
2 **DOWNTOWN L.A. LAW GROUP**
3 601 N. Vermont Ave.
4 Los Angeles, CA 90004
5 Tel: (213) 389-3765
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AMRIT KHAN

8 Attorneys for Plaintiff
9 ZOILA SIERRA

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11 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
12 COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

13 ZOILA SIERRA, an individual.

Case No.:

RG 21106297

14 Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES

15 v.

1. NEGLIGENCE
2. PREMISES LIABILITY

16 COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION, a
17 Washington Corporation; EDDIE, an
18 individual; and DOES 1-25, inclusive.

[JURY DEMANDED]

19 Defendants.

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21 COMES NOW, Plaintiff, ZOILA SIERRA, and alleges against Defendants, and each

22 of them, as follows:

- 23 1. Plaintiff ZOILA SIERRA is an individual and is now, and at all times mentioned in
24 this complaint was, an adult resident of Alameda County, California.
- 25 2. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based upon such information and belief alleges
26 that at all times relevant hereto Defendants COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION, a
27 Washington Corporation; EDDIE, an individual; and DOES 1-25, inclusive, are, and at all
28 times herein mentioned were individuals, corporations, sole proprietors, shareholders,

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1 associations, partners and partnerships, joint venturers, and/or business entities unknown,
2 primarily residing and doing business in the county of Alameda, State of California.

3 3. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based upon such information alleges that
4 Defendant EDDIE was a supervisor and/or manager of the store at the time of Plaintiff's slip
5 and fall. Based on information and belief, EDDIE is now, and at all times mentioned in this
6 complaint was, an adult resident of Alameda County, California. It is believed that EDDIE
7 was responsible for the maintenance of the store at the time of Plaintiff's slip and fall, was
8 responsible to verify that there was in place a policy which provided for the maintenance of
9 the store according to industry standards, was responsible for the training and education of
10 the store employees who were tasked with conducting the maintenance of the store, and was
11 responsible for verifying that the store be maintained according to industry standards and
12 sufficient policies and procedures.

13 4. Defendants DOES 1-25, inclusive, are sued herein under fictitious names, their true
14 names and capacities being unknown to Plaintiff. Plaintiff will amend this complaint to
15 allege their true names and capacities when ascertained. Plaintiff is informed and believes
16 and thereon alleges that each of the fictitiously named Defendants is responsible in some
17 manner for the occurrences herein alleged, and that Plaintiff's damages as herein alleged were
18 proximately caused by those Defendants.

19 5. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based upon such information and belief alleges
20 that at all times relevant hereto Defendants COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION, a
21 Washington Corporation; EDDIE, an individual; and DOES 1-25, inclusive, are, and at all
22 times herein mentioned where individuals, corporations, sole proprietors, shareholders,
23 associations, partners and partnerships, joint venturers, and/or business entities unknown,
24 primarily residing and doing business in the County of Alameda, State of California. At all
25 times herein mentioned, said Defendants were the owners, lessors, sub-lessors, managing
26 agents, landlords, renters, managers, operators, marketers, inspectors, maintainers and
27 controllers, of a commercial property located at 22330 Hathaway Ave. Hayward Ca 94541,
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(hereinafter referred to as "THE SUBJECT PREMISES"), to which building the general public is invited to come.

6. At all times herein mentioned, each of the Defendants were the agents, servants, and employees of their co-defendants, and in doing the things hereinafter alleged were acting in the scope of their authority as agents, servants, and employees, and with permission and consent of their co-defendants. Plaintiff is further informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that each of the Defendants herein gave consent to, ratified, and authorized the acts alleged herein to each of the remaining Defendants.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

NEGLIGENCE

(Against All Defendants)

7. Plaintiff re-alleges each and every allegation contained in the above Paragraphs 1 through 6, and by this reference incorporates said paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

8. On July 23, 2019 Plaintiff was lawfully on the premises of Defendants' store for the purpose of purchasing miscellaneous items. Plaintiff was walking within the subject premises when, suddenly and without warning, Plaintiff slipped on water and/or similar substance on the floor and fell violently to the floor, causing Plaintiff to sustain the serious injuries and damages described below.

9. Said Defendants, and each of them, fully and well knew, or should have known in the exercise of reasonable care, that the structures and/or components and/or other parts of said building were in a dangerous and defective and unsafe condition, and a menace to Plaintiff and others lawfully on said premises.

10. By reason of the aforesaid negligence, carelessness and recklessness of Defendants, and each of them, as aforesaid, and as a direct and proximate result thereof, a dangerously dirty and/or wet floor that was not properly installed, maintained, cleaned and/or protected at said property causing Plaintiff to sustain the injuries and damages as hereinafter alleged.

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11. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence, carelessness and recklessness of Defendants, and each of them, as aforesaid, Plaintiff was hurt in her health, strength and activity, sustaining severe shock and injuries to her person, all of which said injuries have caused, continue to cause, and will in the future cause Plaintiff great physical and emotional pain and suffering; Plaintiff is informed and believes, and therefore alleges, that said injuries are permanent in nature, all to her damage in a sum according to proof.

12. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence, carelessness and recklessness of Defendants and each of them, as aforesaid, Plaintiff has been required to obtain medical services, and Plaintiff has suffered severe emotional distress.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

PREMISES LIABILITY

(Against All Defendants)

13. Plaintiff re-alleges each and every allegation contained in the above Paragraphs 1 through 12, and by this reference incorporates said paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

14. On July 23, 2019 Plaintiff was lawfully on the premises of Defendants' store for the purpose of purchasing miscellaneous items. Plaintiff was walking within the subject premises when, suddenly and without warning, Plaintiff slipped on water and/or similar substance on the floor and fell violently to the floor, causing Plaintiff to sustain the serious injuries and damages described below.

15. On or about July 23, 2019, Defendants COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION, a Washington Corporation; EDDIE, an individual; and DOES 1-25, inclusive, carelessly and negligently owned, rented, managed, leased, supervised, inspected, operated, maintained and/or controlled the premises located at or near 22330 Hathaway Ave. Hayward Ca 94541, such that it was in a dangerous, defective and unsafe condition in conscious disregard for the risk of harm to invitees thereon. By reason of said carelessness, negligence and conscious

disregard of the Defendants, and each of them, said premises were unsafe and dangerous to the general public and specifically Plaintiff, ZOILA SIERRA.

16. Defendants COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION, a Washington Corporation; EDDIE, an individual; and DOES 1-25, inclusive, and each of them, failed to warn Plaintiff of said dangerous, defective and unsafe condition; although said Defendants, and each of them, knew of said condition.

17. As a direct and legal result of said carelessness, negligence and conscious disregard of Defendants COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION, a Washington Corporation; EDDIE, an individual; and DOES 1-25, inclusive, and each of them, Plaintiff was seriously injured when she slipped and fell on a dangerously dirty and/or wet floor that was not properly installed, maintained, cleaned and/or protected at said property causing Plaintiff to sustain the injuries and damages as hereinafter alleged.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants as follows:

1. For general damages in a sum according to proof;
2. For medical, hospital, and related expenses according to proof;
3. For loss of earnings according to proof;
4. For loss of future earning capacity according to proof;
5. For costs of suit herein incurred;
6. For such other and further relief as this Court may deem proper.

DATED: July 23, 2021

DOWNTOWN L.A. LAW GROUP

BY: 
Zavosh Rashidi, Esq.
Attorney for Plaintiff,
ZOILA SIERRA

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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff demands trial by jury of all issues so triable.

DATED: July 23, 2021

DOWNTOWN L.A. LAW GROUP


BY: Zavosh Rashidi, Esq.
Attorney for Plaintiff,
ZOILA SIERRA

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ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address): Zavosh Rashidi, Esq. SBN: 328399 DOWNTOWN LA LAW GROUP 601 N. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004 TELEPHONE NO.: (213) 389-3765 FAX NO.: (877) 389-2775 ATTORNEY FOR (Name): ZOILA SIERRA		FOR COURT USE ONLY FILED ALAMEDA COUNTY 2021 JUDGE: RENE C. DAVIDSON DEPT:
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA STREET ADDRESS: 1225 Fallon Street MAILING ADDRESS: 1225 Fallon Street CITY AND ZIP CODE: Oakland, CA 94612 BRANCH NAME: Rene C. Davidson Alameda County Courthouse		CASE NUMBER: RG 21108297 JUDGE: DEPT:
CASE NAME: ZOILA SIERRA vs. COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION, et. al.		
CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unlimited (Amount demanded exceeds \$25,000) </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Limited (Amount demanded is \$25,000 or less) </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> Complex Case Designation <input type="checkbox"/> Counter <input type="checkbox"/> Joinder Filed with first appearance by defendant (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.402) </div> </div>		

Items 1-6 below must be completed (see instructions on page 2).

1. Check one box below for the case type that best describes this case:

Auto Tort <input type="checkbox"/> Auto (22) <input type="checkbox"/> Uninsured motorist (46) Other P/PI/D/WD (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos (04) <input type="checkbox"/> Product liability (24) <input type="checkbox"/> Medical malpractice (45) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other P/PI/D/WD (23) Non-P/PI/D/WD (Other) Tort <input type="checkbox"/> Business tort/unfair business practice (07) <input type="checkbox"/> Civil rights (08) <input type="checkbox"/> Defamation (13) <input type="checkbox"/> Fraud (16) <input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual property (19) <input type="checkbox"/> Professional negligence (25) <input type="checkbox"/> Other non-P/PI/D/WD tort (35) Employment <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful termination (36) <input type="checkbox"/> Other employment (15)	Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Breach of contract/warranty (06) <input type="checkbox"/> Rule 3.740 collections (09) <input type="checkbox"/> Other collections (09) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance coverage (18) <input type="checkbox"/> Other contract (37) Real Property <input type="checkbox"/> Eminent domain/Inverse condemnation (14) <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful eviction (33) <input type="checkbox"/> Other real property (26) Unlawful Detainer <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial (31) <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (32) <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs (38) Judicial Review <input type="checkbox"/> Asset forfeiture (05) <input type="checkbox"/> Petition re: arbitration award (11) <input type="checkbox"/> Writ of mandate (02) <input type="checkbox"/> Other judicial review (39)	Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.400-3.403) <input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust/Trade regulation (03) <input type="checkbox"/> Construction defect (10) <input type="checkbox"/> Mass tort (40) <input type="checkbox"/> Securities litigation (28) <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental/Toxic tort (30) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance coverage claims arising from the above listed provisionally complex case types (41) Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement of judgment (20) Miscellaneous Civil Complaint <input type="checkbox"/> RICO (27) <input type="checkbox"/> Other complaint (not specified above) (42) Miscellaneous Civil Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership and corporate governance (21) <input type="checkbox"/> Other petition (not specified above) (43)
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2. This case ☐ is ☒ is not complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court. If the case is complex, mark the factors requiring exceptional judicial management:

a. <input type="checkbox"/> Large number of separately represented parties b. <input type="checkbox"/> Extensive motion practice raising difficult or novel issues that will be time-consuming to resolve c. <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial amount of documentary evidence	d. <input type="checkbox"/> Large number of witnesses e. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordination with related actions pending in one or more courts in other counties, states, or countries, or in a federal court f. <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial postjudgment judicial supervision
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3. Remedies sought (check all that apply): a. ☒ monetary b. ☐ nonmonetary; declaratory or injunctive relief c. ☐ punitive

4. Number of causes of action (specify): Two

5. This case ☐ is ☒ is not a class action suit.

6. If there are any known related cases, file and serve a notice of related case. (You may use form CM-015.)

Date: 7/23/21

Zavosh Rashidi, Esq.

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

(SIGNATURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR PARTY)

NOTICE

- Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with the first paper filed in the action or proceeding (except small claims cases or cases filed under the Probate Code, Family Code, or Welfare and Institutions Code) (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.220.) Failure to file may result in sanctions.
- File this cover sheet in addition to any cover sheet required by local court rule.
- If this case is complex under rule 3.400 et seq. of the California Rules of Court, you must serve a copy of this cover sheet on all other parties to the action or proceeding.
- Unless this is a collections case under rule 3.740 or a complex case, this cover sheet will be used for statistical purposes only.

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INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE COVER SHEET

To Plaintiffs and Others Filing First Papers. If you are filing a first paper (for example, a complaint) in a civil case, you must complete and file, along with your first paper, the *Civil Case Cover Sheet* contained on page 1. This information will be used to compile statistics about the types and numbers of cases filed. You must complete items 1 through 6 on the sheet. In item 1, you must check **one** box for the case type that best describes the case. If the case fits both a general and a more specific type of case listed in item 1, check the more specific one. If the case has multiple causes of action, check the box that best indicates the **primary** cause of action. To assist you in completing the sheet, examples of the cases that belong under each case type in item 1 are provided below. A cover sheet must be filed only with your initial paper. Failure to file a cover sheet with the first paper filed in a civil case may subject a party, its counsel, or both to sanctions under rules 2.30 and 3.220 of the California Rules of Court.

To Parties in Rule 3.740 Collections Cases. A "collections case" under rule 3.740 is defined as an action for recovery of money owed in a sum stated to be certain that is not more than \$25,000, exclusive of interest and attorney's fees, arising from a transaction in which property, services, or money was acquired on credit. A collections case does not include an action seeking the following: (1) tort damages, (2) punitive damages, (3) recovery of real property, (4) recovery of personal property, or (5) a prejudgment writ of attachment. The identification of a case as a rule 3.740 collections case on this form means that it will be exempt from the general time-for-service requirements and case management rules, unless a defendant files a responsive pleading. A rule 3.740 collections case will be subject to the requirements for service and obtaining a judgment in rule 3.740.

To Parties in Complex Cases. In complex cases only, parties must also use the *Civil Case Cover Sheet* to designate whether the case is complex. If a plaintiff believes the case is complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court, this must be indicated by completing the appropriate boxes in items 1 and 2. If a plaintiff designates a case as complex, the cover sheet must be served with the complaint on all parties to the action. A defendant may file and serve no later than the time of its first appearance a joinder in the plaintiff's designation, a counter-designation that the case is not complex, or, if the plaintiff has made no designation, a designation that the case is complex.

CASE TYPES AND EXAMPLES

Auto Tort

Auto (22)—Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death
Uninsured Motorist (46) *(if the case involves an uninsured motorist claim subject to arbitration, check this item instead of Auto)*

Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort

Asbestos (04)
Asbestos Property Damage
Asbestos Personal Injury/Wrongful Death
Product Liability *(not asbestos or toxic/environmental)* (24)
Medical Malpractice (45)
Medical Malpractice—Physicians & Surgeons
Other Professional Health Care Malpractice
Other PI/PD/WD (23)
Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall)
Intentional Bodily Injury/PD/WD (e.g., assault, vandalism)
Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress
Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress
Other PI/PD/WD

Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort

Business Tort/Unfair Business Practice (07)
Civil Rights (e.g., discrimination, false arrest) *(not civil harassment)* (08)
Defamation (e.g., slander, libel) (13)
Fraud (16)
Intellectual Property (19)
Professional Negligence (25)
Legal Malpractice
Other Professional Malpractice *(not medical or legal)*
Other Non-PI/PD/WD Tort (35)

Employment

Wrongful Termination (36)
Other Employment (15)

Contract

Breach of Contract/Warranty (06)
Breach of Rental/Lease
Contract *(not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction)*
Contract/Warranty Breach—Seller Plaintiff *(not fraud or negligence)*
Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty
Other Breach of Contract/Warranty
Collections (e.g., money owed, open book accounts) (09)
Collection Case—Seller Plaintiff
Other Promissory Note/Collections Case
Insurance Coverage *(not provisionally complex)* (18)
Auto Subrogation
Other Coverage

Other Contract (37)
Contractual Fraud
Other Contract Dispute

Real Property

Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14)
Wrongful Eviction (33)
Other Real Property (e.g., quiet title) (26)
Writ of Possession of Real Property
Mortgage Foreclosure
Quiet Title
Other Real Property *(not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, or foreclosure)*

Unlawful Detainer

Commercial (31)
Residential (32)
Drugs (38) *(if the case involves illegal drugs, check this item; otherwise, report as Commercial or Residential)*

Judicial Review

Asset Forfeiture (05)
Petition Re: Arbitration Award (11)
Writ of Mandate (02)
Writ—Administrative Mandamus
Writ—Mandamus on Limited Court

Case Matter

Writ—Other Limited Court Case
Review
Other Judicial Review (39)
Review of Health Officer Order
Notice of Appeal—Labor
Commissioner Appeals

Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal.

Rules of Court Rules 3.400–3.403)

Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)
Construction Defect (10)
Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)
Securities Litigation (28)
Environmental/Toxic Tort (30)
Insurance Coverage Claims *(arising from provisionally complex case type listed above)* (41)

Enforcement of Judgment

Enforcement of Judgment (20)
Abstract of Judgment (Out of County)
Confession of Judgment *(non-domestic relations)*
Sister State Judgment
Administrative Agency Award *(not unpaid taxes)*
Petition/Certification of Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Taxes
Other Enforcement of Judgment Case

Miscellaneous Civil Complaint

RICO (27)
Other Complaint *(not specified above)* (42)
Declaratory Relief Only
Injunctive Relief Only *(non-harassment)*
Mechanics Lien
Other Commercial Complaint Case *(non-tort/non-complex)*
Other Civil Complaint *(non-tort/non-complex)*

Miscellaneous Civil Petition

Partnership and Corporate Governance (21)
Other Petition *(not specified above)* (43)
Civil Harassment
Workplace Violence
Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse
Election Contest
Petition for Name Change
Petition for Relief From Late Claim
Other Civil Petition



Superior Court of California
County of Alameda

Superior Court of California, County of Alameda
Hayward Hall of Justice
24405 Amador Street
Hayward, CA 94544

Receipt Nbr: 806981
Clerk: akhan
Date: 07/23/2021

Type	Case Number	Description	Amount
Filing	RG21106297	Complaint - Other PI/PD/WD Tort	\$435.00

Total Amount Due: \$435.00
Prior Payment:
Current Payment: \$435.00
Balance Due: \$0.00
Overage:
Excess Fee:
Change:

Payment Method:
Cash:
Check: \$435.00

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

ZOILA SIERRA, an individual.

Case No.: RG21106297

Plaintiff,

STATEMENT OF DAMAGES

v.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION, a
Washington Corporation; EDDIE, an
individual; and DOES 1-25, inclusive.

Defendants.

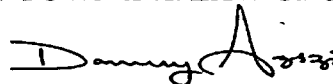
Plaintiff, ZOILA SIERRA, hereby provides to Defendants the following Statement of
Damages:

- | | | |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. General Damages: | In excess of | \$1,000,000.00 |
| 2. Special Damages: | In excess of | \$1,000,000.00 |

Plaintiff reserves the right to amend this Statement of Damages at a later time, as
Discovery develops.

DATED: January 31, 2022

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8 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

9 COUNTY OF ALAMEDA — RENE C. DAVIDSON COURTHOUSE

10 ZOILA SIERRA, an individual,

11 Plaintiff,

12 vs.

13 COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION, a
Washington Corporation; EDDIE, an
14 individual; and DOES 1-25, inclusive,

15 Defendants.

Case No. RG21106297

**COSTCO WHOLESALE
CORPORATION'S ANSWER TO
UNVERIFIED COMPLAINT**

Action Filed: July 23, 2021

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17 COMES NOW, Defendant Costco Wholesale Corporation, and, in answer to the unverified
18 Complaint of Plaintiff Zoila Sierra, denies each and every, all and singular, generally and
19 specifically, the allegations therein contained and further denies that said Plaintiff has been
20 damaged in any sum, or sums, if any at all.

21 **FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

22 ***(Failure to State a Cause of Action)***

23 The Complaint, and each cause of action thereof, fails to set forth facts sufficient to
24 constitute a cause of action against this answering Defendant.

25 **SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

26 ***(Comparative Fault)***

27 Defendant alleges that Plaintiff was careless and negligent in and about the matter alleged
28 in her Complaint and that said carelessness and negligence on said Plaintiff's own part

1 proximately contributed to the happening of the accident, to the injuries, losses and damages
2 complained of, if any there were.

3 **THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

4 ***(Fault of Others)***

5 While at all times denying any liability and responsibility whatsoever to Plaintiff herein,
6 Defendant contends that the alleged liability or responsibility is small in proportion to the alleged
7 liability and responsibility of other persons and entities, including other persons and entities who
8 may or may not be defendants herein, and that Plaintiff should be limited to seeking recovery from
9 these defendants for the proportion of alleged injuries and damages for which these defendants are
10 allegedly liable or responsible, all such alleged liability and responsibility being expressly denied.

11 **FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

12 ***(Assumption of the Risk)***

13 Plaintiff is barred from asserting any claim against Defendant by reason of Plaintiff's
14 assumption of the risk of the matters causing the injuries and damages incurred, if any.

15 **FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

16 ***(Failure to Use Reasonable Diligence)***

17 Defendant is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Plaintiff's injuries, losses or
18 damages, if any, were aggravated by Plaintiff's and/or other defendants' failure to use reasonable
19 diligence.

20 **SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

21 ***(Doctrine of Laches)***

22 Defendant alleges that the Plaintiff's claims are barred by the equitable doctrine of laches.

23 **SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

24 ***(Waiver / Estoppel)***

25 Plaintiff has waived and is estopped from asserting any claim against this Defendant by
26 reason of plaintiff's approval and consent to the risk in the matters causing the damages alleged, if
27 any, in her acknowledgment of, acquiescence in and consent to the alleged act or omissions, if any, of
28 this Defendant.

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Failure to Mitigate Damages)

Defendant alleges that Plaintiff's injuries, losses and damages suffered, if any, which are expressly denied, were caused by Plaintiff's failure to take reasonable steps to mitigate such damages; to the extent that such injuries, losses or damages were caused by Plaintiff's failure to take reasonable steps to mitigate such damages, that such are not recoverable against this answering Defendant.

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

(Civil Code §1431.2 Apportionment)

The liability of this answering Defendant, if any, for Plaintiff's economic loss should be prorated pursuant to the provisions of California Civil Code section 1431.2.

WHEREFORE, Defendant prays for judgment as follows:

1. That judgment be entered into the within action in favor of Defendant and against Plaintiff upon the issues of the Complaint;
2. That the Complaint herein be dismissed in its entirety;
3. For costs of suit; and
4. For such other and further relief as the court may deem just and proper.

DATED: March 7, 2022

SEVERSON & WERSON
A Professional Corporation

By: 
SHARON C. COLLIER

Attorneys for Defendant COSTCO WHOLESALE
CORPORATION

PROOF OF SERVICE

**Zoila Sierra v. Costco Wholesale Corp.,
Alameda County Superior Court Case No.: RG21106297**

At the time of service, I was over 18 years of age and not a party to this action. I am employed in the County of San Francisco, State of California. My business address is One Embarcadero Center, Suite 2600, San Francisco, CA 94111.

On March 7, 2022, I served true copies of the following document(s):

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION'S ANSWER TO UNVERIFIED COMPLAINT

on the interested parties in this action as follows:

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BY ELECTRONIC SERVICE: I electronically filed the document(s) with the Clerk of the Court by using the First Legal system. Participants in the case who are registered users will be served by the First Legal system. Participants in the case who are not registered users will be served by mail or by other means permitted by the court rules.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on March 7, 2022, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Katrina D. Adkins

Katrina D. Adkins

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AMENDED
STATEMENT AND DESIGNATION
BY
FOREIGN CORPORATION

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FILED
In the office of the Secretary of State
of the State of California

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MARCH FONG EU, Secretary of State

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

_____, a corporation
organized and existing under the laws of Washington,
and which is presently qualified for the transaction of intrastate business in the
State of California, makes the following statements and/or designation:

That the name of the corporation has been changed to that hereinabove set forth
and that the name relinquished at the time of such change was _____
CWC Corporation which will do business in California as Washington
Wholesalers Inc.

COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION

(Name of Corporation)

Michael D. Anderton
(Signature of corporate officer)

Corporate
Michael D. Anderton, Secretary
(Typed name and title of officer signing)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. If this Amended Statement shows a change of corporate name, there must be attached to this Amended Statement a certificate of an authorized public official of the state or place of incorporation, that such change of name was made in accordance with the laws of that state or place.
2. For filing this Amended Statement there is a fee of \$15.00.



STATE of WASHINGTON SECRETARY of STATE

I, **Ralph Munro**, Secretary of State of the State of Washington and custodian of its seal, hereby certify that according to the records on file in my office Articles of Merger between CWC CORPORATION, a Washington corporation, and COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation, whereby CWC CORPORATION is the surviving corporation under the name COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION were received and filed in this office September 1, 1987.

Date: September 1, 1987


Given under my hand and the seal of the State of Washington, at Olympia, the State Capitol.

A handwritten signature in ink, appearing to read "Ralph Munro".

Ralph Munro, Secretary of State

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	State of California Secretary of State Statement of Information (Foreign Corporation) FEES (Filing and Disclosure): \$25.00. If this is an amendment, see instructions. IMPORTANT – READ INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM	F	G752821 FILED In the office of the Secretary of State of the State of California JUN-27 2019
1. CORPORATE NAME COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION			
2. CALIFORNIA CORPORATE NUMBER C1587907		This Space for Filing Use Only	
No Change Statement (Not applicable if agent address of record is a P.O. Box address. See instructions.)			
3. If there have been any changes to the information contained in the last Statement of Information filed with the California Secretary of State, or no statement of information has been previously filed, this form must be completed in its entirety. <input type="checkbox"/> If there has been no change in any of the information contained in the last Statement of Information filed with the California Secretary of State, check the box and proceed to Item 13.			
Complete Addresses for the Following (Do not abbreviate the name of the city. Items 4 and 5 cannot be P.O. Boxes.)			
4. STREET ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICE	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
999 LAKE DRIVE, ISSAQUAH, WA 98027			
5. STREET ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE IN CALIFORNIA, IF ANY	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
4649 MORENA BOULEVARD, SAN DIEGO, CA 92117			
6. MAILING ADDRESS OF THE CORPORATION, IF DIFFERENT THAN ITEM 4	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
LICENSING P.O. BOX 35005, SEATTLE, WA 98124			
Names and Complete Addresses of the Following Officers (The corporation must list these three officers. A comparable title for the specific officer may be added; however, the preprinted titles on this form must not be altered.)			
7. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE ZIP CODE
WALTER C. JELINEK	999 LAKE DRIVE, ISSAQUAH, WA 98027		
8. SECRETARY	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE ZIP CODE
JOHN C. SULLIVAN	999 LAKE DRIVE, ISSAQUAH, WA 98027		
9. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER/	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE ZIP CODE
RICHARD A. GALANTI	999 LAKE DRIVE, ISSAQUAH, WA 98027		
Agent for Service of Process If the agent is an individual, the agent must reside in California and Item 11 must be completed with a California street address, a P.O. Box address is not acceptable. If the agent is another corporation, the agent must have on file with the California Secretary of State a certificate pursuant to California Corporations Code section 1505 and Item 11 must be left blank.			
10. NAME OF AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS			
C T CORPORATION SYSTEM			
11. STREET ADDRESS OF AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS IN CALIFORNIA, IF AN INDIVIDUAL		CITY	STATE ZIP CODE
Type of Business			
12. DESCRIBE THE TYPE OF BUSINESS OF THE CORPORATION			
WHOLESALE/RETAIL MBRSHP WAREHS			
13. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS TRUE AND CORRECT.			
06/27/2019	GAIL E. TSUBOI	AVP/ASST. SECRETARY	
DATE	TYPE/PRINT NAME OF PERSON COMPLETING FORM	TITLE	SIGNATURE
SI-350 (REV 01/2013)			APPROVED BY SECRETARY OF STATE